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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I use an alternative the main internet providers in America (comcast, ATT ect) because those companies provide terrible service at a high price. They do so because they have a monopoly on the business, therefor throttle bandwidth, add fraudulent charges to bills without explanation, and provide terrible, slow, rude customer service.

The internet has become a utility for Americans. It is necessary to function at all at a job or school. I do both - I am a student who takes online classes while working forty five hours a week. I could never do that without access to the internet. I also live in California where the wildfires are threatening the entire state, yet a company like ATT can legally throttle the data of firefighters without repercussion. I am afraid I cannot trust these companies with the best interests of Americans.

After the killing of Net Neutrality, competition from local broadband companies are the last thing that prevents powerful telecommunications companies from raising prices that bring the internet beyond my means. If you are at all invested in democracy, capitalism or the needs of the working poor please support broadband competition and don't approve the USTelecom Forbearance Petition.

Thank you for your time,

Maya Kane